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SUBJ: MEDIA REACTION: KISSINGER AFRICA TRIP

QUOTE

WIDE CIRCULATION,LIBERAL SUNDAY TIMES OF APRIL 25 EDITORIALIZED UNDER LEAD "DR.KISSINGER'S SAFARI," THAT THING TO REMEMBER CONCERNING TRIP IS: "HE (KISSINGER) WEIGHS EVERYTHING IN TERMS OF THE BALANCE OF POWER BETWEEN AMERICA AND RUSSIA." "CHIEF-- IF NOT HIS ONLY OBJECTIVE-- WILL BE TO STEM SOVIET-CUBAN INROADS INTO AFRICA AND TO PERSUADE BLACK AFRICANS TO HIS VIEW THAT THEIR CONTINENT SHOULD NOT BECOME A THEATER FOR SUPERPOWER RIVALRY." EDITORIAL PREDICTS U.S. WILL "PROFFER MUCH AID" AND WILL BE " STRONG ON PLEDGES THAT AMERICA SUPPORTS AFRICAN ASPIRATIONS,INCLUDING CONDEMNATION OF MINORITY RULE IN RHODESIA AND SNAIL'S PACE PROGRESS IN S.W.A." ARTICLE ENDS BY SAYING KISSINGER IS REALISTIC IN RECOGNISING THAT "LONG-TERM STABILITY CAN BE ACHIEVED ONLY BY WHITE AND BLACK JOINING TOGETHER IN FINDING FORMULA FOR COEXISTENCE."

SUNDAY TIMES ALSO CARRIED TWO STORIES REGARDING KISSINGER TRIP. CORRESPONDENT GUY BERNARD IN WASHINGTON LED THIS ARTICLE, UNCLASSIFIED

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"DR. K'S BID TO BUY BLACK AFRICA". BERNARD SAID "DR.KISSINGER

WILL HARD-SELL THE IDEA THAT AMERICAN CAN GIVE THEIR RULERS A MUCH BETTER DEAL." AS FOR SOUTH AFRICA, "DR.KISSINGER HOPES TO FIND A WAY TO REACH A LONG-TERM SETTLEMENT IN AFRICA THAT WILL BE WORKED OUT WITH SOUTH AFRICA AS WELL." BERNARD LISTS SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES OF TRIP AS: 1)"GET BLACK AFRICANS TO AGREE THAT CONTINENT SHOULD NOT GET TURNED INTO AREA OF SUPERPOWER MILITARY INVOLVEMENT, MEANING RUSSIANS AND CUBANS SHOULD GO HOME; 2) PERSUADE PEOPLE THAT AMERICA TRULY SUPPORTS ASPIRATIONS FOR DIGNITY AND SELF-GOVERNMENT; 3) PERSUADE THEM THEY CAN GET WHAT THEY WANT WITHOUT BLOODSHED BY 'TRUSTING UNCLE SAM'." U.S. IS REPORTED WILLING TO GIVE AID IN FORM OF EASY CREDITS, AID GRANTS, OTHER ASSISTANCE AND FOOD.

RICHARD WALKER REPORTS FROM NEW YORK THAT " U.S.BACKING FOR THE JOSHUA NKOMO FACTION IN RHODESIA SEEMS TO BE EMERGING AS A GLOW IN THE FOG OF SECRECY OF DR. HENRY KISSINGER'S EXPEDITION", THAT " NKOMO OPTION APPEARS TO BE SEEN AS THE LIKELIEST ON WHICH TO BUILD A MODERATE APPROACH POSSIBLY ACCEPTABLE TO THE RHODESIAN GOVERNMENT." WALKER SAYS NKOMO FACTION IS OPENING OFFICE IN NEW YORK IN NAME OF AFRICAN NATIONAL COUNCIL, CITES JOSIAH CHINAMANO AS "KEY FIGURE" ON NKOMO TEAM AND THAT CHINAMANO WAS "WARMLY RECEIVED IN WASHINGTON EARLIER THIS MONTH."

SUNDAY EXPRESS OF APRIL 25 CARRIES POLITICAL COMMENTARY SIGNED BY ANTHONY DELIUS UNDER LEAD, "IRONY OF THE KISSINGER TOUR". DELIUS SAYS "IT WAS THE RUSSIANS AND NOT THE RHODESIANS WHO JOLTED DR.KISSINGER INTO RATING THE CONTINENTS SIGNIFICANCE HIGHER," PERDICTING KISSINGER WILL HEAR THAT "IF AMERICA DOES NOTHING EFFECTIVE ABOUT SORTING OUT SOUTHERN AFRICA AND PROMOTING MAJORITY RULE, THE RUSSIANS AND CUBANS WILL BE INVITED TO TRY THEIR HAND." EDITORIAL COMMENTARY ENDS BY ASKING "HOW CAN AMERICAN PLAN A ROLE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA WHICH WILL BE EFFECTIVE BOTH IN HER OWN INTERESTS AND IN THE WESTS WITH THE GENERAL HOPE THAT IT WILL BE GOOD FOR SOUTHERN AFRICA AS WELL?"

CAPE TIMES OF APRIL 26 GAVE KISSINGER TRIP FRONT PAGE HEADLINE "DR. K RULES OUT ARMS FOR 'LIBERATION'" AND INCLUDED PHOTO OF SECRETARY WITH JOMO KENYATTA. ARTICLE WAS STRAIGHTFORWARD UNCLASSIFIED

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ACCOUNT OF NAIROBI VISIT. NO EDITORIAL COMMENT.

PRETORIA AFRIKAANS PRO-GOVERNMENT DAILY "HOOFSTAD" APRIL 23: "DR KISSINGERS AFRICA TRIP WHICH STARTS TOMORROW IN KENYA HAS LITTLE TO DO WITH AFRICA BUT MUCH TO DO WITH PRESIDENT FORDS ELECTIN CAMPAIGN AT HOME. THIS IS WHAT POLITICAL OBSERVERS AND DIPLOMATS IN WASHINGTON SAY, AND THIS PAPER BELIEVES IT TRUE. FORD HAS SENT KISSINGER TO BLACK

AFRICA EXPRESSEDLY TO CONVINCE AMERICAN NEGROES THAT HE IS
A FRIEND AND SUPPORT OF THE BLACKS. HENCE THE UNFORGIVABLE
BLUNDER OF NOT INCLUDING ANY WHITE STATE OR WHITE-RULED
STATE, IN HIS ITINERARY.....THE WHOLE KISSINGER EPISODE IS
A VERY TRANSPARENT EXERCISE, AND WHAT HE SAYS ON HIS TRIP
SHOULD NOT BE TAKEN TOO SERIOUSLY."

JOHANNESBURG ENGLISH-LANGUAGE OPPOSITION DAILY "THE STAR"
APRIL 24:

"AT LAST SECRETARY KISSINGER HAS TOLD THE RUSSIANS STRAIGHT:
GET OUT OF AFRICA AND TAKE YOUR CUBAN SURROGATES WITH YOU
OR ELSE NO MORE EAST-WEST DETENTE. HE HAS NEVER BEEN AS
BLUNT AS THIS WITH THE RUSSIANS AND MORE IS THE PITY.
THE TIME FOR THIS KIND OF TOUGH TALK WAS WAY BACK IN NOVEMBER..
*94 5#3 9-CALLED "WHITE SOUTH", WHETHER RUSSIA LIFTS
ITS IMPERIAL PAW FROM AFRICA OR NOT, THE HARD FACT REMAINS
THAT WHILE KISSINGER IS TALKING TOUGH TO THE RUSSIANS, HE IS
DOING EXACTLY THE SAME ABOUT MAJORITY RULE IN RHODESIA,
SA AND SWA. AND WE, TOO, SHOULD LISTEN CAREFULLY TO
WHAT HE HAS TO SAY."

AFRIKAANS PRO-GOVERNMENT NATIONAL SUNDAY PAPER "RAPPORT"
CARRIED TWO REPORTS APRIL 25:

(1) DR KISSINGER COMES AS PEACE DOVE WAS PATE 5 HEADLINE
TO REPORT OF KISSINGER VIEWS ON RHODESIA EXPRESSED IN LONDON
EN ROUTE TO NAIROBI. KISSINGER REPORTED SAYING "THE HOUR
IS LATE BUT THE US WILL GIVE ITS FULL SUPPORT TO PEACEFUL
RESOLUTION OF RHODESIAN PROBLEM". THE REPORT NOTED VIEW
OF FOREIGN OBSERVERS THAT KISSINGER WOULD NOT GAIN CLEAR
PICTURE OF THE COMPLICATED SITUATION IN SOUTHERN AFRICA
UNLESS HE ALSO VISITED THE REPUBLIC (OF SA).
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(2) HENRY HAS HIS REASONS TO TRAVEL FAR HEADLINED PAGE 17
REPORT WHICH APPARENTLY PARAPHRASED ARTICLE IN LONDON
"ECONOMIST". THRUST WAS THAT US HAD SUFFERED FOREIGN
POLICY SETBACKS IN PAST TWO YEARS AND KISSINGER HAD TO TRY TO
SAVE WHAT COULD BE SAVED. EMPHASIZED QUESTION WHY SA
NOT INCLUDED IN ITINERARY.

ENGLISH-LANGUAGE OPPOSITION SUNDAY PAPER "TRIBUNE" APRIL 25
RAN LEAD FRONT PAGE STORY HEADLINED US BIDS FOR AFRICAS
RICHES". SUMMARY:

"DR KISSINGER HAS COME TO AFRICA TO ANNOUNCE AN AMBITIOUS
ECONOMIC SCHEME WHICH WILL BLUNT THIRD WORLD CRITICISM
OF THE US AND ENSURE AMERICA CAN GET ITS SHARE OF AFRICAS
RAW MATERIALS.
IT COULD ALSO STOP THE FLIGHT OF AMERICAN CAPITAL FROM BALCK
AFRICA TO SOUTH AFRICA WHICH HAS FOLLOWED A SPATE OF
NATIONALISATION IN INDEPENDENT COUNTRIES.
DR. KISSINGER WILL ANNOUNCE HIS PLAN AT THE UNITED NATIONS
COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT (UNCTAD) CONERENCE IN
NAIROBI FROM MAY 2 TO MAY 6.
HE WILL PROPOSE A NEW INTERNATONAL BANK, TENTATIVELY NAMED THE
INTERNATIONAL RESOURCES BANK, AS THE ANSWER TO THIRD
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WORLD ACCUSATINS THAT THE INDUSTRIAL POWERS MERELY
USE POOR COUNTRIES AS POOLS OF RAW MATERIALS.
THE BANK WOULD SELL BONDS, WHICH WOLD BE SECURED BY THE
RAW MATERIALS OF THE POOR COUNTRIES CONCERNED, AND PUT UP
THE MONEY FOR CORPORATIONS TO EXPLOIT THE RAW MATERIALS.
THE PLAN HAS THE ADVANTAGE THAT, ALTHOUGH IT IS AN AMERICAN
INITIATIVE, IT WOULD DRAW ON FUNDS FROM THE INTERNATINAL
COMMUNITY, PROBABLY INCLUDING THE OIL-PRODUCING COUNTRIES.

WHILE THE US WOULD NEED TO PUT UP ONLY A QUARTER TO A THIRD OF THE CAPITAL, DR KISSINGER COULD CLAIM THE LIONS SHARE OF THE CREDIT FOR LAUNCHING THE SCHEME. AMERICAN CORPORATIONS WHICH HAVE THE BEST TECHNOLOGY AND THE GREATEST APPETITE FOR RAW MATERIALS, WOULD DOMINATE THE FIELD IN DEVELOPING RAW MATERIALS UNDER THE BANKS AUSPICES. AMERICAN INVESTORS, AFRAID OF BLACK AFRICA AND REASSURED BY SOUTH AFRICA'S LONG RECORD OF PROTECTING INVESTMENTS FROM ABROAD, BROKE FROM A TREND THAT HAD LASTED TEN YEARS. INVESTMENT IN BLACK AFRICA DECLINED AND INVESTMENT IN SOUTH AFRICA ROSE BY 26 PERCENT IN TWO YEARS...

5#3 7 #903 59 43 5943 9.3 9* ITS PRESTIGE IN AFRICA BY EMPHASIZING THAT IT HAS THE ECONOMIC MUSCLE AND THE TECHNOLOGICAL KNOW-HOW TO OUTBID THE SOVIET UNION IN DELIVERING PRACTICAL HELP TO POOR COUNTRIES.

THE LONG TERM EFFECT WOULD BE TO TIE THE POORER COUNTRIES MORE SECURELY THAN EVER INTO THE ECONOMIC NET OF THE WESTERN INDUSTRIAL POWERS WHILE ENSURING THE US RELIABLE SUPPLIES OF RAW MATERIALS AND PROTECTION AGAINST NATIONALISATION."

THE REPORT WAS FROM THE PAPERS WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT KEN OWEN.

TWO MAJOR TRANSVAAL AFRICA'S PRO-GOVERNMENT PAPERS BEELD AND TRANSVALER APRIL 26 BOTH LED ON FRONT PAGE WITH REPORTS DATED NAIROBI.

"BEEL" HEADLINE WAS: DR KISSINGER REFUSES HELP FOR TERROR." SUMMARY: "THE POSSIBILITY OF US MILITARY ASSISTANCE IN ANY FORM FOR AFRICA'S BLACK TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS, OR LIBERATION MOVEMENTS AS HE DESCRIBED THEM, WAS REJECTED YESTERDAY BY DR KISSINGER. AT THE SAME TIME HE REITERATED AMERICA'S SUPPORT FOR MAJORITY RULE IN UNCLASSIFIED

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SOUTHERN AFRICA. AMERICA WOULD EXERCISE ITS POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC INFLUENCE TO THIS END, HE SAID. "I HAVE COME TO AFRICA TO DEMONSTRATE AMERICA'S IDENTIFICATION WITH THE TWO GREAT AIMS OF AFRICANS: HUMAN DIGNITY AND ECONOMIC PROGRESS".

TRANSVALER STORY HEADLINED: "NO US WEAPONS FOR TERRORISTS".

SUMMARY: SAME AS "BEELD" ABOVE.

MOST MAJOR SOUTH AFRICAN NEWSPAPERS BELONG TO LARGE PRESS GROUPS, WITH RESULT THAT STORIES ARE REPEATED IN VARIOUS CENTERS. PRESS REPORTS IN DURBAN SUMMARIZED AS FOLLOWS: DAILY NEWS 4/23: HEADLINE: RUSSIA TOLD QUIT AFRICA. STORY REFERS TO KISSINGER'S BLUNT WARNING ON DETENTE.

ANOTHER HEADLINE, DR K. WILL TREAD A TRICKY PATH REFERES
TO COMMUNIST STUDENT AGITATION AT DAR ES SALAAM. FURTHR
HEADLINE, "KISSINGER TO CONSULT VORSTER" HAS REPORT THAT
SECRETARY WOULD CONSULT VORSTER AND SMITH AFTER HE
COMPLETES AFRICA VISIT, SAYING THE CONSULTATIN WITH THE
WHITES WOULD ALMOST CERTAINLY BE INDIRECT.

OTHER NATAL NEWSPAPERS, "MERCURY" AND "WITNESS" CARRIED
ESSENTIALLY SAME HEADLINES AND STORIES AS BEELD" AND
TRANSVALER ABOVE. ITEM
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